



## Old News: reading the Bible backwards & inside out

**Welcome to Newday!** Take a moment of pause to reflect on the words of David from Psalm 73:

*28 But me? It's good for me to be near God.  
I have taken my refuge in you, my LORD God,  
so I can talk all about your works!*

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### **Psalm 72 (adapted)**

*Leader:* God, give your judgments to the king.  
Let him judge your people with righteousness  
and your poor ones with justice.

**ALL: Let the king bring justice to people who are poor;  
let him save the children of those who are needy,  
but let him crush oppressors!**

*Leader:* Let him fall like rain upon fresh-cut grass,

**ALL: Let the righteous flourish throughout their lives,**

*Leader:* Let all the kings bow down before him;

**ALL: Let it be so, because he delivers the needy who cry out,  
the poor, and those who have no helper.**

*Leader:* He has compassion on the weak and the needy;

**ALL: He redeems their lives from oppression and violence;  
their blood is precious in his eyes.**

*Leader:* Let the king's name last forever.

Let all the nations be blessed through him and call him happy.

**ALL: Bless the LORD God, the God of Israel—  
the only one who does wondrous things!**

**Bless God's glorious name forever;**

**let his glory fill all the earth! Amen and Amen!**

**Luke 24:44-48 (CEB)** 44 Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that **everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.**" 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. 46 He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and **a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations,** beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

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### **Respond & Apply:** Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide

Recall an important story for you, family or friends, how do you tell the episode?

Would someone (if in a group) be willing to tell their 1-2min story?

How are the important details presented?

What jumped out to you as meaningful?

Thinking with John's story of Jesus how are the details presented?

What seems meaningful or important to the message?

When John remembers scripture, which themes repeat?

Do similar themes show up in your life?

How would you connect a theme like 'new creation' to daily living?

*'The text is constructed out of the ruins of destruction. Yet [the text] is an ember left over, not only from the fire in which the Temple burned, but also from the fiery revelation at Sinai.'* (adapted from *Losing the Temple & Recovering the Future* p.67 Hindu Najman)

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**Next Week:** Pastor Steve Eng: *Biblical Approaches to Standing With Marginalized Neighbors*

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...passionate about investing in children, youth, and families.

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